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(*d*) No reports are received by the Government. The attention of the hon. Member is, however, invited to the reports of the District Magistrate, Malabar, recorded in the Government Orders referred to in the answer to clause (*a*) in which it is stated that the housing, sanitary and medical arrangements in the estates to which the Act applied are satisfactory.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Now that the Workmen's Breaches of Contract Act has been repealed, I want to know the reason why the Madras Government alone retains some of the portions of the Madras Planters' Labour Act which contains what are called criminal portions. While the Workmen's Breach of Contract Act which is applicable to the whole of India has been repealed, I want to know why some of the corresponding provisions in the Madras Planters' Labour Act which are called criminal portions have not been repealed."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The Government have their own reason."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" What reason ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am sorry I am unable to give it."

Collectorates.

Report of the Collector of South Kanara on B.P. No. 2871, dated 18th July 1923.

* 306 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House B.P. No. 2871, Routine, dated 18th July 1923, and the report of the Collector of South Kanara in the matter ?

A.—The whole question of the grant of increments in the time scale to unpassed men has been settled in G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925, which has been published in the Gazette. The Government do not propose to place the prior correspondence on the table.

Appointments.

Local committees established by the Staff Selection Board.

* 307 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to G.O. No. 76, dated 6th February 1924—

(*a*) the number of local committees established by the Staff Selection Board at convenient centres throughout the Presidency to assist them in the discharge of their duties ;

(*b*) whether lists have been prepared of candidates for employment in the Government offices in the City of Madras ; whether they have been submitted to qualifying examination ; and whether lists of those who passed such an examination and are otherwise competent have been published, and if so, when and where ;